He next requested that at least 6 miles of the Eravipuram—Ayur road, from Quilon to Kannanallur market, might be improved.

The Member said that the other roads mentioned by him were important from a commercial point of view and prayed that they also might be improved. He added that the maintenance grant for such roads should either be properly spent or utilised for improving them.

He next said that some persons were trying to get a tank, a public spring and a cart-track in the Perinad *pakuthi* registered in their names and presented a memorial signed by the inhabitants of the place protesting against their registry.

Lastly, the Member presented another memorial regarding the Chittumala culvert and prayed that early action might be taken to open a canal, which was once commenced, from Dharmakuzhi to the backwater at Onambalam and to provide a sluice to regulate the flow of water from the Chittumala *chira*.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

75. Conversion of the village road from Haripad to Chengannur *via* Pallipad into a cart-road.

Mr. E. K. Velayudhan Pillai, B. A. & B. L. (Member, Kartigappalli taluk) said that his representation was about the improvement of a portion of the village road between Haripad and Chennithala, that is, the road which ran through Pallipad and Mannar to Chengannur. The western half of that portion was intersected by a canal at one place and by a river at another. The absence of proper bridges at those places was a source of great inconvenience to persons travelling by the road. The eastern half was largely encroached upon by the owners of adjacent lands. In view of the large number of persons travelling by the road and of the transport along the road, the Member prayed that the road might be widened and made cartable and also provided with bridges wherever necessary.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

76. Improvement of some roads in the town of Kayenkulam.

Mr. Peeli Pie Rama Pie (Member, Trading Classes, Kayenkulam) prayed that the following roads might be metalled:

(1) The road from Kayenkulam to Nangyarkulangara, 6 miles in length.

(2) (*a*) A portion of the Kayenkulam-Muttom road, 2 furlongs to the north extending up to the Thirthampodicha Alummood, which was one limit of the town.

(*b*) The whole of the Kayenkulam-Muttom village road.

The Member said that there was a small canal about 2½ furlongs in length, running through the middle of the town and that the same could not be utilised for transport of articles, unless the above roads were metalled. In the interests of public health and sanitation of the town, the Member prayed that drains might be constructed on either side of the road and that the same might be connected with the canal referred to above.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

77. Improvement of the means of communication in the Mavelikara taluk.

Mr. K. Govinda Pillai (Member, Mavelikara taluk) said that, on the road from Mavelikara to Pandalam, there were three small bridges, one at Vettiyar, one at Ayiranikuli and the third at Mangaram, all of which were in disorder, that the bridge at Ayiranikuli was dismantled and removed three years ago, the one at Vettiyar was pulled down two months ago and that the third bridge was in such a ruined and unsafe condition that it would also have to be removed soon. During the rainy season, the canals over which the bridges were constructed became impassable and even pedestrian journey became impossible. In view of the difficulties experienced by the travelling public on account of the unsafe condition of the bridges, the Member prayed that immediate orders might be issued to repair them.

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